

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: February 10, 2007

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Examinations; License Requirements and Waiver of Examination; Psychologists Fees

Sections Affected: 1388, 1388.6 and 1392

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

The specific purpose of this proposal is to incorporate a new examination for applicants seeking licensure in California who are currently licensed in another state, Canadian province, or U.S. territory and who meet the criteria in sections 1388 and 1388.6. Sections 1388 and 1388.6 would add this new examination, to be called the California Law and Ethics Examination (CLEE), and its applicability. Section 1392 would add a new subsection (c) to include the CLEE and the fee associated with the examination.

Factual Basis/Rationale

Pursuant to section 1388.6, if an applicant for licensure meets specific criteria they are not required to take the national examination, however, they are required to take and pass a supplemental examination. When section 1388.6 was initially adopted, these applicants took the California Jurisprudence and Professional Ethics Examination (CJPEE) which consisted of laws and ethics questions. Recently, the board conducted an occupational analysis and a new examination was developed to replace the CJPEE. This examination is the California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE). It was recently brought to the board's attention that the CPSE, in its current format, includes aspects that assess the applicant's competency to practice (i.e. diagnostic and treatment skills). Those applicants who meet the criteria in 1388.6 have already been tested in those areas and should not be required to take an examination with such content. Therefore, the board is seeking the expertise of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Examination Resources (OER) to develop a new examination which includes laws and ethics questions specifically, for those applicants seeking licensure who meet the criteria of section 1388.6.

Underlying Data

Letter from Stephen T. DeMers, E.D., Executive Officer, Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (Attachment A)

Memorandum from Robert Kahane, Executive Officer, Board of Psychology (Attachment B)

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.